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**Organic Advisory Board
Thursday, April 13
USDA Agricultural Research Station
Wapato, Washington**

Agenda

Item	Time
Introductions Announcements Tilth update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Relationship between Tilth, WSDA Small Farms and Direct Marketing Program and WSDA Organic Food Program• New Tilth board position – WSDA liaison – Rachael Jamison	10 AM
State Organic Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting with Director Loveland• Status of noncertified organic products in the marketplace• Next steps –<ul style="list-style-type: none">Implement State Organic ProgramTargeted Surveillance InspectionsOther	10:15
European Organic Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• EOVP Review by the Organic Advisory Board• March 23 conference call• Next steps -	10:15
Corrective Action report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Internal Audit corrective actions• EOVP review committee corrective actions• IFOAM corrective action plan	11:30
Lunch	12 noon
Research Station Tour	12:30

Amendments to Organic Certification Fees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New fees – Split operations, producer/processors, mixed operations, site fee, facility fee, new product fee, expedited inspection fee • Fee restructuring of processor fee schedule • Fee increases – Late fee, new applicant fees, handler fee schedule 	1 PM
Retail and direct market operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exemptions and exclusions – who needs to be certified • Organic labeling for retail food store Labeling for retail sales of certified organic packaged product Labeling for retail sales of certified organic produce, bulk • Labeling for noncertified producer – Under \$5,000 in sales Other label claims – e.g. pesticide free, ecologically grown, natural, grown without pesticides, grown using organic methods, beyond organic 	3 PM
Organic Advisory Board business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of OAB handbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mission and Role of the Organic Advisory Board ○ How the Organic Advisory Board can support OFP staff and certified operations • Nominations • WSDA Organization assignments 	4 PM
Open Forum Questions for WSDA staff Agenda items for future meetings	
Adjourn	5 PM

Background Material

1. January 31 Organic Advisory Board minutes
2. State Organic Program – Meeting with Director Loveland
3. Surveillance Inspection procedures
4. EOVP review by the Organic Advisory Board
5. EOVP committee March 23 conference call notes
6. Japanese export arrangement – TM-11
7. Internal Audit Corrective Actions
8. Organic certification fee proposal
9. Proposed changes to chapter 16-157 WAC
10. OAB handbook
11. WSDA organizational assignments

Directions:

Directions to the Yakima Agricultural Research Laboratory

5230 Konnowac Pass Road

Wapato, WA 98951

509.454.6550

From I-82, use Exit 44

- Coming from the east (Tri-Cities), turn RIGHT off the exit ramp, going north
- Coming from west (Yakima, Ellensburg) turn LEFT off the exit ramp, cross over the top of the freeway, going north
- You should be heading toward hills in the near distance
- At the stop sign, approx. 1/3 mile, Yakima Valley Highway, turn RIGHT going in an easterly direction
- Go approx. 1 mile - notice Valicoff Fruit warehouse on your right, and EPIC school on your left - Konnowac Pass Rd. intersects Yakima Valley Hwy at these 2 buildings
- Turn LEFT onto Konnowac Pass Rd, once again going toward the hills (north)
- You will see the sign for the lab on your left, approx 1/3 mile on Konnowac Pass Rd.
- Parking is in the front of the building
- You will be asked to sign in, and we will issue a visitor's badge for you to display while you're in the building

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